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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/038,003	Applicant(s) EROZ ET AL.
	Examiner Stephen M. Baker	Art Unit 2133

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 41-68 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 54-67 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 41,49,50 and 53 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 42-48,51,52 and 68 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 1 of the amendment to page 4 at line 8, "it's" apparently should be 'its'.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 68 is objected to because of the following informalities: "A receiver for processing coded signals, the receiver comprising" apparently should be "A transmitter for processing signals, the transmitter comprising".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 41, 49, 50 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,907,582 to Yi (hereafter Yi).

Yi discloses a turbo code encoder with rate-½ puncturing matrices for puncturing every other parity bit from each constituent coder. Such puncturing evidently would produce a better SNR than puncturing strings of parity bits consecutively from each encoder, e.g. transmitting only first constituent encoder parity bits for the first 100 parity bits, and then transmitting only second constituent encoder parity bits for the second 100 parity bits.

5. Claims 41, 49, 50 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the published article "The Effects of Time Delay Spread on Turbo-TCM in a Wireless Communication Channel", written by Fei et al (hereafter Fei).

Fei discloses a turbo code encoder with rate-½ puncturing matrices (Table 1, code 1) for puncturing every other parity bit from each constituent coder. Such puncturing evidently would produce a better SNR than puncturing strings of parity bits consecutively from each encoder, e.g. transmitting only first constituent encoder parity bits for the first 100 parity bits, and then transmitting only second constituent encoder parity bits for the second 100 parity bits.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 54-67 are allowed.

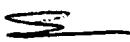
7. Claims 42-48, 51 and 52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Baker whose telephone number is (703) 305-9681. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (11:00 AM - 7:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (703) 305-9595. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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